Medical College.

168. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Education be pleased to state:

(a) whether two medical officers were deputed to go outside with a view to study the feasibility of starting a Medical College in Travancore;

(b) whethar the Government have decided to start a medical college in Travancore;

(c) whether they have any estimate of the expenditure involved for the starting of the medical college here;

(d) if the answer to Part (a) is in the affirmative whether the officers concerned have submitted any report; and

(e) if so will a copy of the report be placed on the table?

HONOURABLE MR. G. RAMACHANDRAN: *(a)* Yes.

(b) The matter is seriously engaging the attention of Government.

(c) The expenditure involved is being investigated by the Committee constituted for the purpose.

(d) Yes.

(e) A copy of the report is placed on the Secretary's table.

Shares held by Government.

169. MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI: Will the Honourable Minister for Finance be pleased to state:

(a) the shares held by Government (i) in the Travancore Bank, (ii) in the Fertilisers & Chemicals Ltd., Travancore; and

(b) what is the nature of other financial commitments regarding the Travancore Bank and the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., Travancore?

HON'BLE MR. A. THANU PILLAI *(a)* 123810 shares of Rs. 25 each in the Travancore Bank Ltd., and 1125000 shares of Rs. 10 each in the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd.

(b) Government have a current account with the Travancore Bank and three fixed deposits amounting to Rs. 10 lakhs, Rs. 15 lakhs and Rs. 25 lakhs respectively.

Three loans, one of Rs. 95 lakhs and the other two (against supply of Ammonium Sulphate) of Rs. 6 lakhs each have been granted to the Fertilisers and Chemicals Ltd., of which one loan of Rs. 6 lakhs has already been repaid.

Primary Schools equipped with furniture in Thovala and Agasteeswaram Taluks.

170. MR. SREE V. DAS *(Kalkulam Hindu Nadar—Reserved)*: *(a)* Are the Government aware that the essential appliances like table, bench, chair, black-board etc., are not available in most of the compulsory primary education schools in Thovala and Agasteeswaram taluks, except those schools handed over by managements and those that have been permitted to be conducted by managements.

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